

Forest	Wilderness	Permitted O/G (all)	Permitted O/G (day and overnight hunting)	Approximate		Avg # days	Average length hunt*	Maximum Clients Served*	Non	
				Fall Hunt	Service days within Wilderness				Guided Hunters	at 5%*
Gallatin, Custer	Absaroka-Beartooth	192	78	5898	76	9	655	33		
Bitterroot, Beaverhead-Deerlodge	Anaconda-Pintler	6	3	400	133	9	44	2		
Lolo, Helena, Flathead	Bob Marshall Complex	50	36	12,000	333	9	1333	67		
Kootenai	(Scapegoat, Bob, Great Bear)	14	11	1000	91	9	111	6		
Beaverhead-Deerlodge	Cabinet Mountains	81	24	2639	110	9	293	15		
Flathead	Lee Metcalf	0	0	0	0	7	0	0		
Lolo	Mission Mountains	0	0	0	0	7	0	0		
Bitterroot, Clearwater	Rattlesnake	16	10	2400	240	9	267	13		
Lolo	Selway-Bitterroot	0	0	0	0	7	0	0		
	Welcome Creek									
	<b>TOTAL USFS WILDERNESS</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>24337</b>	<b>150</b>		<b>2704</b>	<b>135</b>		
	<b>OUTFITTERS</b>									

Source: USFS Region 1 Headquarter Office. \* Calculations/Estimates by PWOA

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Medicine Lake, Red Rock  
Lakes, UL Bend

*These are approximations based on reports from different years and various methods of gathering data and may not be current and exact. However, permits and service days have remained relatively stable over the years.*

SENATE FISH AND GAME

EXHIBIT NO. 2

DATE 3/22/11

BILL NO. SB 400

List of Outfitters with Wilderness Permits		
Outfitter Name	Wilderness Operates In	Total B10s in 2007
A Lazy H Outfitters	BMWC	22
Absaroka Beartooth Outfitter, Inc	Absaroka	29
Accurate Outfitters	Bitterroot	10
Adventures Outfitting	Lee Metcalf	38
B.W, Outfitters	Lee Metcalf	12
Bartlett Creek Outfitters	BMWC	36
Bear Paw Outfitters	Absaroka	36
Beartooth Plateau	Absaroka	12
Big Salmon Outfitters	BMWC	3
Bitterroot Outfitters	Bitterroot	23
Black Mountain Outfitters	Absaroka	41
Black Otter Guide Service	Absaroka	22
Broken Heart Outfitters	Absaroka	8
Buck Creek Guide Service	BMWC	10
Buckhorn Ranch	BMWC	16
Bullseye Outfitting	Cabinet	42
Cabin Creek Outfitters	BMWC	8
Cabinet Mtn Outfitters	Cabinet	37
Camoron Lee	BMWC	53
Cheff Guest Ranch	BMWC	55
Circle KBL Outfitters	Bitterroot	13
Cody Carr Adventures	Cabinet	62
Crary Outfitting	BMWC	14
Dome Mountain Ranch	Absaroka	25
Donahue Outfitting	Absaroka	38
Double Arrow Outfit/Rich Ranch	BMWC	46
Dream Dance Outfitters	Absaroka	14
Elk Creek Outfitters	Cabinet	19
Elk Creek Outfitting, LLC	Cabinet	220
Elk Mountain Outfitters	Bitterroot	35
Esper's Under Wild Skies Outfitters	Pintlar	12
Eustance Pack and Tack Outfitters	BMWC	24
Flying Diamond Guide Service	Absaroka	6
Ford Creek Outfitters	BMWC	48
Foster Outfitters	Pintlar	16
Great Bear Outfitters	BMWC	24
Hawley Ranch	Absaroka	2
Hawkins Outfitters	BMWC	11
Hell's A Roarin Outfitters, inc	Absaroka	104
Hubbard Yellowstone Outfitter	Absaroka	67

I.C.R. Outfitters	Lee Metcalf	31
Indian Creek Adventures	Bitterroot	2
Indian Summer Outfitters	Bitterroot	51
Jake's Horses	Lee Metcalf	14
Jason Lee	BMWC	33
K Lazy 3 Outfitters	BMWC	51
Klick's K Bar L Ranch	BMWC	65
Kootenai High Country Hunting	Cabinet	4
L Diamond E Guest Ranch & Outfitting	BMWC	4
Lake Upsata Outfitters	BMWC	20
Linehan Outfitting	Cabinet	4
Lost Fork Ranch	Lee Metcalf	26
Medicine Lake Outfitters	Medicine Lake	36
Mike Robinson	Bitterroot	51
Montana High Country Outfitter	Cabinet	73
Montana High Country Tours, inc.	Cabinet	35
Montana Hunting and Fishing Adventures	Bitterroot	12
Montana OutWest Outfitters	Bitterroot	14
Montana River Ranch	Medicine Lake	46
Montana Safaris	BMWC	45
Montana Wilderness Outfitters	BMWC	24
Nelson Outfitters	BMWC	7
North Fork Creek Outfitters	Absaroka	63
Northwest Montana Outfitters	Cabinet	36
North Yellowstone Outfitters	Absaroka	19
Paws Up Outfitters	BMWC	22
Rick Wemple Outfitting, Inc	Bitterroot	28
Rolling Bolder	Absaroka	30
Ron Mills	BMWC	60
Royal Tine Outfitters	Pintlar	15
S & W Outfitters	Absaroka	28
Sage Mountain Outfitters	Lee Metcalf	40
Salmon Forks Outfitters	BMWC	18
Scapegoat Wilderness Outfitter	BMWC	36
Seven Lazy P Guest Ranch	BMWC	21
Silver Bow Outfitters	Cabinet	19
Skyline Guest Ranch & Guide Service	Absaroka	24
Slough Creek Outfitters	Absaroka	30
Snowy Springs Outfitters	BMWC	34
Specimen Creek	Absaroka	20
Spotted Bear Ranch	BMWC	30
Stockton Outfitters	Pintlar	28
Sun Canyon Lodge & Outfitting	BMWC	62
Swan Mountain Outfitters	BMWC	50
Tom Heintz	Absaroka	12
Weare's Outfitting	Cabinet	65
Wilderness Connection Inc.	BMWC	46

Wilderness Outfitters	BMWC	11
Willow Ranch Outfitting	Lee Metcalf	16
Wolfpack Outfitters	Lee Metcalf	12
WTR Outfitters, LLC	BMWC	43
Yellowstone Mountain Guides Inc.	Lee Metcalf	10
Maximum # of Hunters based on 2007 B10 Sponsored Licenses		2889



Swan Mountain Outfitters, LLC  
Swan Mountain Outfitters - Glacier Division, LLC  
Swan Mountain Guest Ranch, LLC  
Swan Mountain Recreation, Inc.  
Swan Mountain Consulting Group  
Swan Mountain Wilderness Guide School

Dear Members of the Senate Fish and Game Committee:

I strongly support SB400 and am writing to encourage your assistance in the passage of this bill.

My name is Patrick Tabor, and I own and operate Swan Mountain Outfitters. I serve as the President of the Professional Wilderness Outfitters Association, and am on the Board of Directors of the Montana Outfitters and Guides Association. This bill is an extraordinarily important measure not only to my business but to all Montanans who derive their income from the service of customers who come to Montana to hunt one of the fifteen (15) Congressionally designated wildernesses in Montana.

What is this bill about and what can it do for Montana?

- **It is about keeping and creating jobs.** With the advent of I161, many rural communities and outfitters who support them are experiencing the decline of nonresident visitation. The economic impact on these business and citizens is unnecessary and an irresponsible consequence of the passage of I161. This Bill will preserve a means to attract and consistently serve nonresidents who wish to hire the services of a professional wilderness outfitter, thereby creating opportunities to retain tourism dollars and jobs in remote areas surrounding wilderness throughout Montana.
- **It is about encouraging all US citizens to utilize their Congressionally designated wilderness lands for hunting.** But in order to do that, Montana must step up and facilitate access that is fair and in alignment with neighboring states. Congressionally designated wilderness is a national interest property. These unique lands were set aside for the enjoyment of all Americans – residents and nonresidents alike.
- **It is about creating the opportunity to generate more revenue for the state** to benefit access for Montanans on private land and to delay the necessity of increasing resident hunting license fees. This Bill is revenue positive and creates yet another funding mechanism to help Montanans as well as nonresidents gain additional access to hunting lands.

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- **It is about Montana stepping up its efforts to make non residents feel welcome and appreciated in the state for the revenue they bring.** Remarkably other states grasp the importance of this and embrace it. Consider Colorado's recent campaign as captured in this clip of a press release: *DENVER — In a new effort to promote elk license sales and support the rural communities that depend on hunting, the Colorado Division of Wildlife is launching a national marketing campaign aimed at challenging hunters to elevate their game by tackling a Colorado elk hunt this fall. "The Division of Wildlife's ability to manage big game for Coloradans and visitors depends on hunters," Remington said. "Hunting supports tens of thousands of jobs in dozens of communities across this state. Investing in new ways to encourage hunters to hunt in Colorado is just a smart thing to do."*
- **It is about adjusting for the changes that have incurred in the state, and adapting accordingly.** Historically, most of the elk hunting in Montana occurred in the western half of the state. Non-resident license numbers established 35 years ago were utilized primarily in the western portion of the state, many in wilderness areas. With the expansion of the elk herds in Eastern Montana and with no change in the number of non-residents allowed to participate, wilderness hunting opportunity is now underutilized.
- **It is about preserving an important segment of Montana's hunting heritage,** the professional wilderness outfitter, a group that was an unintended victim of the negative impacts of the passage of I-161 as stated so even by the proponents of the initiative. Based on new USFS policy, many outfitters will lose their priority use days allocated for providing hunting guide services should they be unable to book clients. These use days will be reallocated to nontraditional organizations most of which come from out-of-state providing non hunting services, and therefore will continue the cascade of jobs and revenue away from the state.

I encourage you to put common sense back into the hunting license process and support SB400.

Sincerely,



Patrick M Tabor